

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-72—sSB 804

Environment Committee

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING A PREFERENCE FOR CONNECTICUT
GROWN PROTEIN IN CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS AND THE
INCLUSION OF FARMERS' MARKETS IN CERTAIN PROMOTIONAL
MATERIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

SUMMARY: This act requires the administrative services commissioner to give preference to beef, pork, lamb, and farm-raised fish produced or grown in Connecticut if their cost is comparable to those produced or grown out of state when he is purchasing or contracting for such products. The law already requires him to give preference to Connecticut-grown or -produced dairy products, poultry, eggs, fruits, and vegetables. By law, he must generally purchase or contract for all supplies and materials needed by state agencies.

The act also requires the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) commissioner, upon request of any farmers' market, to include the market (1) on any list of farmers' markets that appears on DoAg's website and (2) in any promotional material about farmers' markets that DoAg publishes or distributes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Related Act

PA 13-177 requires public higher education institutions to give preference to Connecticut-grown or -produced dairy products, poultry, farm-raised seafood, beef, pork, lamb, eggs, fruits, and vegetables when their cost is comparable to those grown or produced out of state.

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